Dr. G. D Nokes (*Public Service Commissioner*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) to (*f*) The labour and time involved in collecting this information in relation to each appointment and each department would not be commensurate with its utility.

(*g*) In the absence of reference to specific instances, it is not possible to indicate the reasons.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know from the honourable member whether according to the present rule it is interfering with the claims of the people who hold higher ranks in the matter of confirmation ?

Dr. G. D. Nokes: The question of confirmation is decided according to the order in the selective tests. Where candidates are outside the service they cannot be confirmed, and in those cases the confirmation of candidates may have been deferred but is not interfered with otherwise.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: Sir, may I know in particular cases, approximately the longest period in which such confirmations have been deferred.

Dr. G. D. Nokes: That is a matter which I cannot answer without reference to the files.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know whether the member is aware that considerable hardship is caused on account of the operation of this rule ?

Dr. G. D. Nokes: I have shown in my administration report for the year 1112 that the hardship is negligible.

Mr. Kottur Kunjukrishna Pillai: May I know why it is considered negligible ?

Dr. G. D. Nokes: When we consider the position before the public service recruitment rules came into operation and compare it with the present position, I think the majority of the candidates are in a better position.

Memorial regarding opening three roads in Edapalli pakuthi

54. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar** (*Parur, Kunnatnad and Muvattupuzha* cum *Devicolam*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received a memorial dated 9-11-1112 from the inhabitants of Edapalli pakuthi in Parur taluk for the opening of three roads, *i. e*, 1 Kumarapuram-Palarivattam Road, 2. Edapalli-Arakkakatavu Road, and 3 Perandur-Kallur Road ; and

(*b*) what action has been taken by them in the matter ?

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Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The subjects were considered, but the works could not be taken up in view of the heavy expenditure involved.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: May I know from the honourable member whether the Government do recognise the necessity for the opening of the roads?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: Yes, the Government consider it is necessary to open the roads.

Perumpavur Kuvapady Road.

55. ***Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a statement showing:

(*a*) the number of pupils that pass and repass through the Perumpavur-Kuvapady Road daily for attending the various schools in Perumpavur;

(*b*) the number of other passengers that travel through that road daily for attending the various institutions in Perumpavur;

(*c*) the number of damaged culverts in that road and how long it is since such culverts are in such damaged position and the amount necessary for repairing such culverts;

(*d*) whether any part of that road, *i. e.*, the Perumpavur-Kuvapady road, will be under water during the major part of the rainy season, and, if so, what is the length of such part which will be under water; and

(*e*) whether they have received memorials from the inhabitants of Kunnatnad taluk for repairing that road, and, if so, when such memorials were received and what action was taken by the Government in the matter?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: (*a*) 200 nearly;

(*b*) 200 nearly on ordinary days and about 500 on market days.

(*c*) Four culverts are damaged since 8 years. The cost of repairs of these will come to Rs. 5,500 nearly.

(*d*) Yes. Three embankments of a total length of about 1,500 feet.

(*e*) Yes. On 19-9-1113 a petition was received. A preliminary investigation has been made.

Mr. G. Narayana Aiyar: In view of the fact that a large number of students travel through the road, may I know from the honourable member, with reference to the answer to part (*c*) whether it is not absolutely necessary to construct culverts as early as possible?

Mr. G. B. E. Truscott: The answer is that we are corresponding with the Division Officer.

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